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SUBJ: WELFARE & WHEREABOUTS: MRS. MICHAEL STARRATT

1. AMCIT MICHAEL STARRATT SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR ON THE TELEPHONE AT SOME LENGTH JUNE 22 REGARDING PROBLEM OF HIS LAO WIFE AND HER CHILDREN. AS ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE AWARE, STARRATT HAS A LAOS WIFE (FOUNMY) TO WHOM HE SAYS HE WAS MARRIED IN RENO IN 1967. SHE HAS LAO CHILDREN BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE. ACCORDING TO STARRATT, HIS WIFE IS PRESENTLY IN PRISON WITH MRS. CONWAY.

2. STARRATT ASKED AMBASSADOR WHETHER HE SHOULD RETURN TO VIENTIANE TO PERSUADE THE LAO AUTHORITIES TO RELEASE BOUNMY. AMBASSADOR SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY ILL-ADVISED. STARRATT THEN ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR THOUGHT A SAFE CONDUCT PASS MIGHT BE OBTAINABLE FROM THE LAO. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT RECEIVING SUCH AN ASSURANCE WOULD BE UNLIKELY AND THAT EVEN IF ONE WERE RECEIVED STARRATT SHOULD CHECK WITH CONSUL CAYRE BEFORE ENTERING LAOS.

2. STARRATT WILL TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH VIENTIANE EMBASSY THROUGH UDORN CONSULATE WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER TODAY.

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